

COUNTRY East Germany

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REPORT

TOPIC Exercises of the 1st Mech Div in the Nauen-Kremmen-Neuruppin Area

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. At 1700 on 20 September 1954, a train with 9 T-34/85 tanks [ ] 1 field kitchen and

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personnel went from Doeberitz to Netzeband [ ] 25X1

At 0700 on 23 September, a shipment of 10 T-34/85 tanks [ ] 25X1

[ ] 6 JSU-122 guns and 3 boxcarloads of personnel arrived in Doeberitz from the west. [ ] 25X1

25X1 2. At 1500 on 22 September, 18 trucks [ ] carrying soldiers 25X1 with full field equipment and 3 field kitchens were seen northwest of Neuruppin. At 1630, 14 BA-64 armored scout cars [ ] 25X1 passed through Neuruppin and proceeded south. At 1900, they were followed by 12 armored personnel carriers and a truck column.

25X1 3. Between 1645 and 1930 on 22 September, the following columns of units not 25X1 stationed there passed through Neuruppin on Wittstocker Allee:  
First column: an undetermined number of M-13 rocket launchers, 2 x 37-mm 25X1 AA guns, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 26 armored 25X1 personnel carriers [ ] 25X1  
12 BA-64 armored scout cars and 38 trucks [ ]

25X1 Second column: 11 x 122-mm field howitzers, 5 x 120-mm mortars, 2 x 57-mm 25X1 AT guns, 2 x 85-mm AT guns, 2 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 armored 25X1 personnel carriers [ ] approximately 135 trucks, 3 tank trucks and 9 field kitchens.

25X1 Third column: 22 x 122-mm field howitzers, 7 x 120-mortars, 8 x 57-mm AT 25X1 guns, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 7 AA machine guns, 67 armored personnel carriers [ ] armored scout cars, 5 half-track vehicles, approximately 99 25X1 trucks [ ] 4 tank trucks, 1 ambulance, and 9 field kitchens.

Fourth column: 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 3 armored personnel carriers, 1 BA-64 armored scout car and 14 trucks.

Fifth column: 1 x 37-mm AA gun, 3 armored personnel carriers, 8 sidecar motorcycles and 13 trucks.

The columns came from the north and proceeded toward Treskow, 4 km south of Neuruppin. All armored personnel carriers and trucks were occupied by soldiers

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[redacted] Comment. Available information indicates that the bulk of the 1st Mech Div conducted exercises in the Nauen-Kremmen-Neuruppin area between 20 and 22 September. [redacted] The transfer to Netzeband on 20 September, which may have involved a unit representing the enemy force, was reported for the first time. Railroad records indicated that, between 22 and 24 September, nine return shipments, probably of track-

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-laying vehicles, went from Netzeband to Doeberitz. [redacted] According to paragraphs 2 and 3, the wheeled vehicles moved to Doeberitz by road. Available information indicates that a total of 14 JS-3 tanks, 10 SP guns, 171 T-34 tanks, 33 x 122-mm field howitzers, 8 rocket launchers, at least 20 medium AT guns and 13 x 37-mm AA guns, 111 armored personnel carriers, 15 BA-64 armored scout cars and approximately 300 trucks participated in the exercise. [redacted]

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[redacted] The number of field howitzers confirms, to a certain extent, the assumption that the mortar regiments were being reequipped. [redacted]

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